

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to return LB 207 to Select File for a specific amendment. Senator Beutler's amendment would read as follows: (Read Beutler amendment as found on page 1773 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, LB 207 is a bill that encourages or attempts to encourage interdistrict cooperation agreements on the subject of vocational education, that is it attempts to encourage the different school districts around the state who apparently do not have adequate vocational education programs to enter into agreements with other schools to have those programs and it also seeks to make clear that the schools, the individual school districts, can levy taxes for that purpose. It also has some extensive provisions on the, starting at line 23 on page 2, if you are following the bill. Actually I am looking at the green copy, I'm sorry. But those provisions starting down there and going all the way through up to Section 4 involve the State Department of Education in these interdistrict agreements and basically it requires the approval of the interdistrict agreements by the State Board of Vocational Education which is also the State Department of Education. It says they can disapprove them. It doesn't set out all the reasons why they can disapprove them, it just says that they can disapprove them, and it says that the State Department can impose restrictions and conditions and then it says in addition that in two instances it must disapprove them. It must disapprove them if the participating school could have done the same thing on their own. I guess the State Department of Education is going to look over the shoulder of the school district and decide whether they could have done it on their own or if the interdistrict plan does not provide for training in fields where recent technological advances have been made. Apparently there is some rather vaguely defined goal in there that the program or the vocational education program involved should involve training in fields where recent technological advances have been made. I suppose that means computer programming and that type of activity. At any rate, what my amendment would do would be to simply delete the provisions involving the State Department of Education in the interdistrict agreements. It seems to me that up until this point in time in our history I think there has been authority to enter into these kinds of agreements under the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act and some districts have, in